

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

JOHN M. KENNEDY, JR.
Comptroller

May 20, 2016

HOTEL/MOTEL TAX NOTICE

Dear Tax Vendor:

Thank you for your past compliance with the Suffolk County Hotel/Motel occupancy tax. Your diligence in collecting and reporting tax revenues is greatly appreciated. As you may already know, occupancy tax revenues go into a dedicated fund used solely for the promotion of the County's tourism industry, the preservation and maintenance of our parklands and historic sites, and to provide cultural programs/events to our great county. These efforts benefit our economy, especially the lodging industry, and help make Suffolk County a desirable vacation destination.

To this end, I am pleased to inform you that I have created a Tax Compliance and Enforcement Unit to identify scofflaws in order to level the playing field for your business. In addition, I have requested legislation to strengthen the Suffolk County Hotel/Motel tax law for compliance and enforcement purposes. These changes made were effective May 2, 2016, and are as follows:

- Increased the late penalty imposed on the amount of tax due from 5% to **10%** (Chapter 523-11 E)
- Reduced of the nonregistration fines from \$100 per day to **\$50 per day** (Chapter 523-10 C)

If you have concerns/questions or want to anonymously report a non-compliant business please contact our offices as follows:

Suffolk County Comptroller's Office
Tax Compliance and Enforcement Unit
H. Lee Dennison Executive Office Building
100 Veterans Memorial Highway, 9th Floor
P.O. Box 6100
Hauppauge, NY 11788-0099
Attn: Nerina Sperl, Chief Auditor
Phone: 631.853.4456
Fax: 631.853.5964
Email: Nerina.Sperl@suffolkcountyny.gov

Suffolk County Comptroller's Office
Tax Collection Office
330 Center Drive
Riverhead, NY 11901-3311
Attn: Barbara Zelenski
Phone: 631.852.1523
Fax: 631.852.2752
Email: Barbara.Zelenski@suffolkcountyny.gov

Also, visit our website at www.suffolkcountyny.gov/comptroller

Sincerely,

John M. Kennedy, Jr.
County Comptroller

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